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REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-15 and 17 are active in the present application. Claims 1, 12, and 17 have been amended and claims 3 and 16 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by the amendment and the amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 16 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 3 and 16, respectively, and claims 3 and 16 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 12 now are in condition for allowance. The remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from one of claims 1 and 12 and thus also are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-15 and 17, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

Additional Comments

Applicants do not believe that any of the cited references teach, suggest or disclose a leadframe for a semiconductor device including a paddle ring, a first row of terminals integral with, extending outwardly from, and generally surrounding the paddle ring, a second row of terminals aligned with, surrounding and spaced from the first row of terminals, and a connection bar surrounding the first and second rows of terminals, wherein each of the terminals of the second row of terminals is connected to the connection bar, wherein the first row of terminals is connected to the second row of terminals at

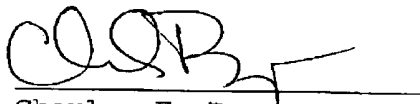
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a corner of the connection bar, and wherein the terminals of the first row of terminals are sized and shaped such that wires may be wirebonded between the terminals and bonding pads of an integrated circuit die disposed within the cavity and the terminals may be cut and thus separated from the paddle ring without destroying the wirebond. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended the independent claims to include the subject matter of those claims that were indicated as allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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